

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
CHATTAHOOCHEE – OCONEE NATIONAL FORESTS

FOREST-WIDE CLOSURE

ORDER NUMBER CO—13-35

MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 16 U.S.C., Section 551 and Title 36 C.F.R., Section 261.50(a) and (b), the following prohibitions apply to “Motor Vehicle Operations” within the boundaries of the Chattahoochee – Oconee National Forests. “Motor Vehicle” means any vehicle which is self-propelled or any vehicle which is propelled by electric power obtained from batteries, but not operated on rails (36 CFR 261.2). This closure is effective from July 25, 2013 through July 25, 2023.

Prohibitions

1. Operating a motor vehicle on a National Forest System Road carelessly, recklessly, or without regard for the rights or safety of other persons or in a manner or at a speed that would endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property (36 CFR 261.54f).
2. Operating or using any motor vehicle in violation of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) Title 40, Motor Vehicles and Traffic laws. (36 CFR 261.54d)

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 36 C.F.R., Section 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from the above prohibition:

- (1) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission; and,
- (2) Any Federal, State, or Local Law Enforcement Officer or firefighter or organized rescue, or Military personnel engaged in the official performance of their duties.

Prepared at Gainesville, Georgia this 12th day of June, 2013.



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Violations of the above prohibition are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000.00 for an individual and \$10,000 for an organization or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both. Title 16 U.S.C. 551 and Title 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571.